



GALLATIN COUNTY

January 21, 2016

Montana Environmental Quality Council
PO Box 201704
Helena, MT 59620-1704

Re: Combined Notice: Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI/RROF)

To whom it may concern:

Reach Inc. and Gallatin County have been awarded a HOME Program Grant from the Montana Department of Commerce. This grant will involve the construction of a new transitional living facility for adults with developmental disabilities. The project is located in a developed residential area at 2752 Durston Road.

The purpose of this notice is to inform all interested parties that the Gallatin County Board of Commissioners will conduct a meeting on February 9th in order to make a decision regarding the issuance of a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to the Montana Department of Commerce, HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Combined Notice: Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds (FONSI/NOI/RROF).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Nicquo.hope@gallatin.mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicquo Hope", is written over a horizontal line.

Nicquo Hope
Grants Coordinator
Gallatin County Finance Department

**COMBINED NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC
OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)**

Date of Publication of Notice: 1/24/2016

**Gallatin County
311 West Main Street, Room 306
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-582-3192**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about 2/12/2016 the above-named **Gallatin County** will request the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) to release HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds provided under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-625).

Reach Inc. Greenway Project

HOME Project Title or Name

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to construct a new transitional living facility for adults with developmental disabilities on a vacant lot located at 2752 Durston Road, Gallatin County. The Proposed Action will consist of 6 individual apartments (four 2-bedroom units and two 1-bedroom units) that can accommodate up to 10 residents and an office space that can accommodate up to two Reach staff members. The space will also include an on-site laundry facility, five parking spaces, a half basketball court, and bike racks. The Proposed Action will provide its residents with 6 HOME assisted units that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant living space where they can live independently with full integration in their community. Additionally, this Proposed Action will provide Reach staff with an on-site work space where they can provide assistance to the residents while ensuring their privacy and safety.

**Location:
2752 Durston Road, Bozeman, Gallatin County, Montana**

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named **Gallatin County** has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows (*Set forth reasons for decision.*):

An Environmental Assessment (based on HUD Region VIII ERR Guide #4 – Version: 03/10 Environmental Review Record) was completed for the project. The report concluded that the project activities do not constitute an action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and no EIS is required. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be made.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named **Gallatin County**. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of HOME project funds.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the **Gallatin County** to the County Commission on or before 2/8/2016. All such comments so received will be considered and the **Gallatin County** will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The **Gallatin County** will undertake the project described above with HOME funds provided by MDOC as authorized by the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-625), as amended. **Gallatin County** is certifying to MDOC that **Gallatin County and Joe P. Skinner, chief certifying official** in his official capacity as Chairman of County Commissioners consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the **Gallatin County** may use the HOME funds and MDOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Montana Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Montana Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by MDOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Montana Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by MDOC. No objection received after 3/1/2016 will be considered by MDOC.